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PATHOLOGIC EXHIBIT.

The Program Committee has decided to provide space for an exhibit of pathologic specimens. Commercial exhibits are not to be included, but physicians having original models of instruments, or institutions having educational exhibits may apply for space.

Applications for space should be made to Dr. Alfred Baker Spalding, Lane Hospital, S. F.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM.

To all Authors having place on the program of the State Society Meeting:

Please read the following very carefully and act upon the suggestions at once, as they are important, not only to the success of the program but to you, personally.

1st. If you will need the use of a projectoscope, moving picture machine or other equipment, kindly write at once, making known your needs. If you do not do this, do not blame the Committee of Arrangements or the Program Committee if you are not supplied when the Society meets.

2nd. Send us, as soon as possible, the name of the doctor whom you wish to open the discussion of your paper. Please do not delay; do it now.

3rd. A suggestion. In order to make the discussion of interest and value, a copy of your paper should be presented to the opener

of the discussion of your paper not later than one week before the Society meets.

4th. **VERY IMPORTANT.** Your paper, when read, becomes the property of the Medical Society of the State of California and may be published or refused publication in the Journal, according as the judgment of the Publication Committee dictates. The rules require that your paper as read must be left with the Chairman of the Section before which it is read. The new ruling of the Committee requires that a copy of the paper which you will read must be in the hands of the Secretary before it is read at the Society meeting. Therefore, please bring with you an extra copy of your paper to be presented to the Secretary before you deliver your address.

DEL MONTE.

Every person who is expecting to attend the annual meeting at Del Monte on April 16, should make immediate reservation if he does not wish to court disappointment. The state society meeting is placed in the middle of the busy hotel season at Del Monte and rooms will be at a premium. There is every necessity for immediate reservation. Do it now. You can cancel a reservation if absolutely necessary later. You will probably be unable to secure accommodations toward the date of meeting. Railway rates are one and one-half the lowest regular one way fare, on the

receipt-certificate plan from all points in California, provided fifty (50) or more are in attendance. When you buy your ticket to go to Del Monte, pay the full fare and get a receipt-certificate. When you get to Del Monte, present this to the State Secretary to be signed and then when you get your return ticket, hand this receipt to the agent and he will give you a return ticket for one-half fare.

Do not fail to get the receipt-certificate, or to have it signed by the State Secretary, for if you do, you have no redress.

Every delegate should make it his first business to attend this session as matters of the utmost importance will come up for consideration. Questions have arisen in which every member of the Society is vitally interested and the delegates who represent large numbers of our members who cannot attend, should be sure to be present, even if at a personal sacrifice.

Secretaries of county units should make it their special duty to attend this meeting so that they may be in a position to explain to their members just what was done and why.

County secretaries can talk more effectively to their members on Society matters by having attended this meeting.

Hotel Rates: Hotel Rates are on the American plan.

Single room without bath, \$5.50 per day, one person.

Double room without bath, \$10.00 per day, two persons.

Single room with bath, \$6.50 per day, one person.

Double room with bath, \$12.00 per day, two persons.

GOOD ADVERTISING VALUE.

"That January issue is a 'cracker-jack.' Its sixty-six pages of live reading matter and fifty-two pages of live advertisements, all printed on a fine grade of paper, make it a notable issue. Looks as if CALIFORNIA STATE JOURNAL OF MEDICINE had started out with its January issue to make 1918 a banner year! Congratulations to the whole staff who made it, the readers who enjoy it, and the advertisers who profit by it."

That is what one of our advertisers thinks of the JOURNAL. It voices a fact which is sometimes overlooked, that the JOURNAL is one of the very best advertising media in the state for things which appeal to doctors and hospitals. Every advertiser gets more than value received. He gets an endorsement of quality and honesty. He gets publicity aside from actual sales resulting. And he gets the ear and eye of the doctors of the entire state in a direct and authoritative fashion. It pays to advertise in the JOURNAL. It pays to read over the advertisements. It is part of keeping up with medical progress. No doctor in the state of California can afford to be without the JOURNAL and no business house which wants patrons in the medical profession can afford not to advertise in the JOURNAL.

UNSCIENTIFIC SCIENCE.

The sober man of reason has the deepest respect for conviction in another man. He respects thoroughly the opinion, the precept and the practice of every other man who is actuated by a genuine belief in the right of his position and is sincere in his belief. We have no quarrel with those who have a reasoned and sincere belief in Christian Science. Their right is the same as our own to religious freedom. There enter two factors, however, which must be associated with this proposition. In the first place, we have a legitimate quarrel with those professors of Christian Science, however sincere they may be, who by their tenets or practices, endanger the health of others than themselves. In the second place, we have an obligation to explain whatever may have a bearing on this whole question, to the intent of clearing up misapprehension of its real point of view, teachings, and results, both within and without the ranks of its adherents. Exposition of its teachings and results in nowise is directed against the sincerity of those who are sincere, or against their religious conviction.

In the San Francisco Chronicle recently appeared a letter from a Christian Scientist, referring to the opposition on the part of his sect to the support of research medicine and thus incidentally, vivisection, by the American Red Cross. Says he: "The fact is, however, that medical opinion is hopelessly divided on this question, not a few of those most competent to judge being certain that animal experimentation in nowise promotes progress in medicine and surgery." This is news indeed! And even granting its truth, which we are very far from doing, why should any individual judgments be given weight against the clear record of fact in medical history? The medical profession for itself has urged particularly that the record of actual fact and accomplishment be considered in estimating the value of experimentation on animals, and not some one's judgment that this experimentation was valuable.

In this connection, attention is called to an announcement in the Journal A. M. A.¹ detailing a request for specific advice from General Pershing's medical staff in France, as to the desirability of such appropriation from Red Cross funds for medical research. The names of many of the signers of the reply are given, and are worth reading. It is absolutely and literally true that "any one endeavoring to stop the Red Cross from assisting in its humanitarian and humane desire to prevent American soldiers from being diseased, and protecting them by solving the peculiar new problems of disease, with which the army is confronted, is in reality giving aid and comfort to the enemy."

A recent Christian Science article states a fact with which we heartily agree, that "health is the normal condition of man . . .," and then proceeds to the utterly unscientific and unrelated statement that "disease is a mistake of the human mind." It happened recently that the writer had the following experience: The husband of a follower of this sect lay ill, and on his refusal to have

¹ 1918, LXX, 3, 169.